

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 28, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. STUART made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 47.]

The Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the "Bill confirming locations of land warrants under certain circumstances," report that they have examined the same, and recommend the bill accompanying this report as a substitute therefor, to conform to the suggestions contained in the letter of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, accompanying this report.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE, January 26, 1858.

SIR: I have the honor to return, herewith, proposed Senate bill No. 47, and a letter addressed by this office June 23, 1857, to Messrs. Leas & Harsh and others; and in answer to an inquiry made, on the part of the Committee of Public Lands, by A. Ten Eyck, esq., I have the honor to state, that, as existing laws furnish no adequate remedy in the class of cases contemplated by that bill, I would respectfully recommend its passage.

Should no such relief be afforded by Congress, a very large number of locations made with military bounty land warrants, issued under the act of March 3, 1855, must of necessity be cancelled by this office, devolving on it a great amount of extra labor, without any corresponding benefit to the public or the government.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

THOMAS A. HENDRICKS,
Commissioner.

Hon. CHARLES E. STUART,

Chairman of the Committee on Public Lands, U. S. Senate.

